



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

5th Sunday of Lent

10:45 a.m., Sunday, March 26, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Joshua Gunderson

Altar Guild: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

Communion: Becky Hastings

Communion: Melody Maass

Media: Cheryl Anspach

Ushers: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength (2x)

With all your heart, with all your soul
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind and with all your strength

I will serve the Lord
with all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength (2x)

With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and
With all my strength

I will love you (echo: I will love you)
I will praise you (echo: I will praise you)
I will serve you (echo: I will serve you)
I will trust you (echo: I will trust you)

With all my heart, with all my soul
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and
With all my strength

All Because of Jesus

Giver of every breath I breathe
Author of all eternity
Giver of every perfect thing
To you be the glory

**It's all because of Jesus I'm alive
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and gives eternal life
It's all because of Jesus I'm alive**

Maker of Heaven and of Earth
No one can comprehend Your worth
King over all the universe
To You be the glory

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Pastor Chris

SONG

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Oh God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

**You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint and you won't grow weary
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint and you won't grow weary**

GOSPEL READING

John 11:17-45

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her

because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Not for a Moment

You were reaching through the storm
Walking on the water
Even when I could not see
In the middle of it all
When I thought You were
a thousand miles away
Not for a moment did You forsake me
Not for a moment did You forsake me

You were singing in the dark
Whispering Your promise
Even when I could not hear
I was held in Your arms
Carried for a thousand miles to show
Not for a moment did You forsake me
Not for a moment did You forsake me
(Chorus)

After all You are constant
After all You are only good
After all You are sovereign
Not for a moment will You forsake me
Not for a moment will You forsake me

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" after each petition.

Comfort: For the Steinmetz and Middleton families at the death of Kay's mom, Cheech Middleton

Healing: Carol Kipfer, broken shoulder

Care: With Joyce Hanson for her sister-in-law, Sandy, who has muscular dystrophy and had a stroke

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

**Rain down rain down
Rain down your love on your people
Rain down rain down
Rain down your love, God of life**

Faithful and true is
The Word of our God
All of God's words are
So worthy of trust
God's mercy falls on
The just and the right
Full of God's love is
the Earth (*chorus*)

Rain Down

We who revere and
Find hope in our God
Live in the kindness and
Joy of God's wing
God will protect us from
Darkness and death
God will not leave us to
Starve (*chorus*)

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.

SOLO

O Come to the Altar

SONGS

Psalm 19 (In Your Eyes)

May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You
May the words of my mouth
And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You, oh my God

You're my rock and my redeemer
You're the reason that I sing
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes
Every hour every moment
Lord, I want to be Your servant
I desire to be a blessing
In Your eyes, in Your eyes

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead three in one, the Father, Spirit and Son
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb (*Chorus*)

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SONG

Make a Difference

Leader:

You gave Your life to make a difference
You gave Your life to make a change
You welcomed all to Your table
You're telling us to do the same

I want my life to make a difference
I want my life to make a change
I want my life to do some good here
I want my life to make a change

Working side by side, no out or inside
Together we can make that change
With a few or many, with a lot or not any
Together we can make that change (*Chorus*)

Crossing the great divide
Joy and peace will abide
Together we can make that change
Jesus is our peace all fighting will cease
Together we can make that change (*Chorus*)

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.



ASCENSION

Children Are God's Gift: We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.

Soup Suppers & Worship: Join us for our last soup supper at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. Please sign-up to bring something if you can.

BLAST on Palm Sunday: Between services on Sunday, April 2, BLAST families will share in the creation of the alfombras (sand carpets) for Holy Week. After 10:45 worship, there will be an Easter egg hunt and lunch for BLAST families.

New Member Welcome: We welcome the following new members ...

Noe and Elizabeth Aguilera, Francisco,
Britani, Alison, Gabriela, Dylan, Guadalupe, Bryan
Jessica Andino
Denis and Lauren Birgenheir, Paul
Alejandra Castro, Alisson
Julia Cruft, Claire
Meredy and Michael Hase
Peter Passante
Teri Quam

Duane and Kelly Schoon
Lisa Wunder
Bernardo Cuesta and Maria Garcia, Ariam,
Aura, Alexander
Limbert Hernandez and Teresa Sierra, Joel,
Lucy
Kelsey and Jay Kaiser, Mabel
Mary Kolberg
Jimmy Loos
Rebecca Meyer and Daniel Ruiz, Haziel

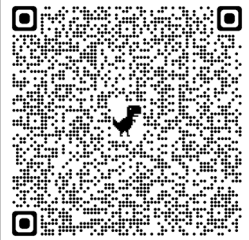
Endowment Fund Requests: The Endowment Committee is accepting requests for distribution of funds to support and enhance the ministries, missions, and physical premises of Ascension. Requests must be submitted by March 31 and can be made by email to a member of the Endowment Committee: Jim Hahn, jwhahn@milwpc.com; Ric Simon, ricsimon@yahoo.com, or Jessica Jahner, jessicajahner@gmail.com, or to Pastor Chris, pc@ascensionelca.org.

GriefShare: This program for people who have suffered loss and would like some support begins Tuesday, March 28. Please sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/GriefAscension> or by calling the church office, 262-547-8518.

Worship Invitation: Holy Week remains important in the hearts of people even if they don't attend church regularly. We're providing a laminated card including service times so you can easily invite people. Please share the card with someone you know and invite them to our special services.

To Donate

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Hope Center is in need of diapers sizes 3-7 and wipes. Donations accepted anytime Monday-Friday 8-4pm.

Blessing Box and Food Pantry: The Food Share increase that was given by the government during the pandemic has ended. This greatly impacts many families as they see a reduction in their food benefit and rising prices at the stores. Our donations can make a difference. Please remember to pick up a few items from the grocery store and put them in the marked bins in the Donation Center.

Holy Week



Holy Week Schedule

April 2, Palm Sunday, worship 8:30a & 10:45a (English), 10:45a (en español)

April 6, Maundy Thursday Dinner, 5:30p, reservation only. To reserve your spot, call the church office, 262-547-8518, or email Tamie Greenwood, Tamie@ascensionelca.org.

April 6, Maundy Thursday, worship 6:30p (English), 6:30p (en español)

April 7, Good Friday, worship 12p & 6:30p (English), 6:30p (en español)

April 9, Easter Sunday, worship 8:30a & 10:45a (English), 10:45a (en español)

Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. Lilies are \$15 each.



Donor(s)

Donation amount \$ _____

This donation is given (*please check*):

- In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus
- To the glory of God
- Donated in honor of:

- Donated in memory of:

Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: _____

Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

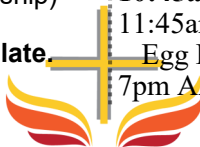
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How did God invite you here?

How can we share the life of Ascension with you?

- Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail?
- BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)
- JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)
- CRASH (high school)
- Bible study (small groups)
- Choirs or other music ministries
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.



CALENDAR

Calendar <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

Sun Mar 26

8:30am Worship S
9:45am Listening Session
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 27

1pm Knit Wits WH
6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH
6:30pm AMEN CR
7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Tue Mar 28

7am AMEN Zoom
9:30am Women's Bible
6pm GriefShare CR
6pm Handbells S
7:00pm Holloway Group
7:15pm Choir S

Wed Mar 29

11:30am Staff Mtg HR
6pm Soup supper EH
6:45pm Worship S
7pm AA WH

Thurs Mar 30

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Apr 1

9am Jubilate Rehearsal S
9am Tutoring

Sun Apr 2 Holy Week

Palm Sunday
8:30am Worship S
9:50am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
11:45am BLAST Easter
Egg Hunt & Lunch
7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 3 Holy Week

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH
6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Apr 4 Holy Week

7am AMEN Z
9:30am Women's Bible
CR
6pm GriefShare CR
6:30pm Mission Outreach
HR

Wed Apr 5 Holy Week

6pm Handbells S
7pm AA WH
7:30pm Choir S

Thu Apr 6 Holy Week

Maundy Thursday
9:30am TGIT HR
10am Al Anon CR
5:30pm Maundy Thurs
Dinner

6:30pm Worship S

6:30pm Misa EH

Fri Apr 7 Holy Week

Good Friday
12pm Worship S
1pm Hansen Group HR
6:30pm Worship S
6:30pm Misa EH

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
N	Narthex
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>